

**BOROUGH OF WIND GAP  
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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Scott Parsons, at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilpersons: George Hinton, Dave Hess, Tony Curcio, John Faust, Joe Weaver, and Kerry Gassler. Also in attendance were Mayor Mitchell D. Mogilski, and Borough Administrator Louise Firestone.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

NONE

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. EMS – Kerry Gassler reported that there were 57 trips for the month of September and 443 year to date (495 is about average). Should be around 600 trips.
2. Police – George Hinton stated that all officers are back on duty and we have a full force again. The committee will get up with Brian Redmond to act on the police contract in December.
3. Sewer Authority – Dave Hess reported that the Lehigh Valley Medical Center on Jacobsburg road received their approval from the sewer authority and plans to open mid 2010. Barry Cortez is moving out of the Boro and will be resigning the first of the year. The terms for John Barto and Ralph Stampone are expiring at the end of the year.
4. Fire Company – Jon Faust stated that there were 14 calls in October, and 125 so far for the year. Also, breakfast with Santa this year is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Santa will deliver presents around the Borough for those residents that sign up.
5. Streets – George Hinton stated the street the street department is continuing to pick up the leaves. Thursday will begin on Alpha Road – 2 grates, consider closing the road GAF/Cramers area- working with the Sewer Authority, 2 manhole covers, replace at the same time. Bench is in at the Roberti property and the sidewalks are completed behind the house.
6. ZHB – Tony Curcio stated that the next ZHB will take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. The applicant is William Hontz (co-owner), and Kerry Gassler (co-owner) – the property is located at 427 Washington Street. They are requesting a front (road) set back variance from 150' to 89' for the R-8 Zoning District (Multi-Family).

7. Planning – Scott Parsons stated that the Hontz/Gassler property located at 427 Washington Street was initially reviewed by planning, but needs to get a variance from the ZHB, then return to planning for review.

8. Park – Joe Weaver reported that Karen Skorochod resigned. Two bike racks would be under a \$1,000.00. Priced new play equipment to be approximately \$6799.00. Joe stated that he would like to make a motion to purchase a new tractor up to \$6000.00 – it would be a garden style tractor for the park. Scott Parsons stated that the park board has to make a recommendation to purchase the tractor. George Hinton mentioned that he will talk to Randy and John about the tractor. **On motion** by Joe Weaver to purchase 3 new park benches this year at \$700 each for a total of \$2100, seconded by Kerry Gassler. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor. Joe stated the merry go round was removed, it was wobbly and unsafe. We need to advertise for 2 vacancies available on the park board. Present members include Gina, Lucy, Cathie, Lewis, and Janet. There was a fire in the park bathroom, a police report was conducted. John Faust asked if anyone looked at the camera, George Hinton said the cameras didn't help – there was a problem with the monitor.

9. 911 – Tony Curcio stated that he hasn't received the list of pager numbers after several attempts. John Faust stated that it hasn't been forgotten.

10. Buildings – Executive Session will be conducted after the meeting.

11. Finance – Nothing

## **MAYORS REPORT**

The Mayor reported that there were 127 police calls for the month of October and 1,395 year to date. The COG meets tomorrow at 7:00pm. Mayor Mogilski had Mayor Pawlowski attend the meeting to discuss the MAIG (Mayors Against Illegal Guns) resolution (ordinance). Council listened to the description and meaning of the resolution, but were not responsive to its place and/or function here at the Borough of Wind Gap.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Tax Collection Committee Delegate for PA Act 32. In 2011 the Earned Income Tax will be collected by the County for the Boroughs, Townships, and School Districts. 1 Delegate vote is weighted by the percentage of population and earned income (.44% of 1 vote, .54 the borough of Pen Argyl, .96 Plainfield Township, 2.5 Pen Argyl School District). Appoint a delegate (not a citizen). The next meeting will be at Lower Saucon/Hellertown. Scott Parsons recommends Council appoint Wally Schlegel Pen Argyl Area School District delegate as he is already a secretary for the Tax Collection Committee. The County had to hire a solicitor from an accounting firm and that cost has been filtered down from the County to the local municipalities with an administrative fee (bill) of \$197.10. Mr. Parsons stated that he spoke to Wally and he will be the Borough's delegate. **On motion** by Scott Parsons to appoint Wally Schlegel as the Borough's delegate for the tax collection committee and keep Mr. Parsons as the alternate, seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. MAIG Resolution – tabled for the December meeting
2. COG By-Laws Resolution – tabled for the December meeting

3. 2010 Budget – **On motion** by John Faust to increase the tax millage by .5 mill to 10.25, seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried. Vote 4-3 in favor. Scott Parsons, Kerry Gassler, and Joe Weaver were opposed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:00 pm Council ended the public meeting, adjourned to go into Executive Session to discuss property and personnel issues. Scott Parsons told the public that at this point there would be no more decisions or motions made for the night. At 9:25 pm Council returned from Executive Session and stated that no action was taken regarding property issues. On motion by Tony Curcio that the office staff's health benefit premium will remain at \$690 a month and their raise of .65/hr effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, and seconded by Jon Faust. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion** by Tony Curcio the meeting of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was adjourned. Council agreed unanimously. Vote 7-0 in favor.

The meeting of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Darlene C. Plank, Asst. Borough Administrator